



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the October 2024 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In November please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries – on Saturday 2nd November we will be at the Copythorne Community Centre between 10am and 11am and we will have some security marking kits available so if you would like one come and join us then.

On Sunday 3rd November we will be at the Village stores in East Boldre at 9.30am, and on Monday 18th November join us at 8am at the Bramshaw Village Stores and then on the same day, but at 9am, outside the Post Office in Bartley. The next day, Tuesday 19th November we will again be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. Finally on Thursday 21st November we will be at the Brockenhurst Parish Council office on Brookley Road at 12.30pm and at the Open Door Café in Minstead Church at 2pm.

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to any of these meetings you can always call or email us, but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course if it's an emergency always call 999.

Ten vans have been broken into this month and most of them were parked in hotel car parks in Lyndhurst, Bramshaw, Cadnam and Stoney Cross where four of them were attacked on the same night. Also in October cars parked in Copythorne, Cadnam and Brockenhurst have been targeted and various items stolen.

Seven outbuildings in Stoney Cross, Bramshaw, Winsor, Emery Down and Minstead have been broken into during October – thousands of pounds worth of tools and other equipment have been stolen and a horse box trailer has also been taken overnight from a yard in Minstead.

New Forest District Council has kindly given us some DNA Marking Kits and if you would like one then let us know and we will get one to you. The kits mark your property in a way that thieves can't see and then erase. So if you become a victim of theft and we find your stolen property we can get them returned to you. If you would like one then please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Vehicles that have been stolen this month are a dumper truck from a building site in Brockenhurst and a car from a driveway in Bramshaw – unbelievably someone has also stolen some eggs and pumpkins that were on sale outside a house in Newbridge, as well as the money left by people who had actually paid for them.

There have also been thefts of two bicycles in October, one from a locked shed just outside Brockenhurst and the other from a field in Exbury.

This month 18 shopliftings have been reported to us, all of them in Brockenhurst with six at the Co Op, eleven at Tesco and one at the iron mongers in the village. We have already identified some suspects and work is still underway to find the others.

Finally this month's Op Mountie session – our multi agency approach to reducing animal deaths and speeds across the New Forest – was the foggiest ever. Thankfully most people did stick to the limit, in fact

the majority were well below the 40mph but three drivers were stopped and two were given tickets for speeds of 51mph and 52mph. We did two sessions this month, at Yew Tree Heath and Pig Bush car parks and at both places the visibility was down to approximately 100 metres at times which makes these drivers speeds even more disappointing.

Finally an update on a driver we stopped at an op Mountie session at Hawk Hill car park back in May. The driver, who was driving a company van, was not insured, didn't have a correct licence and produced a positive drug wipe for cannabis and cocaine. He will be going to court soon and we will let you know the result when we get it.

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